

Amendment
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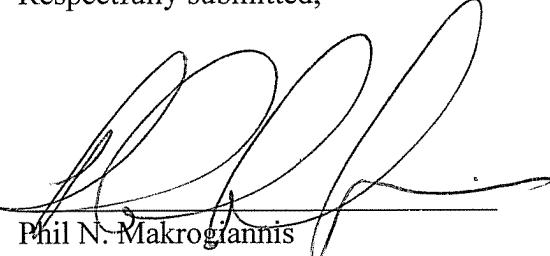
REMARKS

Claims 19-26, 38-42, and 46 are pending. Applicants would like to thank Examiner for holding an interview in this case on December 12, 2006. Based on the discussion, Applicants have amended claims 19, 20, and 22 to clarify the present invention over the Henry et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,956,150) reference. Reconsideration of these claims is kindly requested based on these amendments.

Fee Authorization

Should any extension of time and/or fee be necessary for timely submission of this paper, such extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (order no. 4847)**. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

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